

Wethersfield Conservation Commission: Meeting Minutes of 1-14-2015 Meeting

Rick Baldoni, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30. Other members present were Linda Nielsen, Ralph Moyer, Dave Herold, Rick Doran, plus Kathy Bagley, Staff Liaison.

Minutes of the meeting of November 12, 2014 were reviewed and discussed in a motion by Moyer, seconded by Doran. Minutes were approved in a unanimous vote.

Update by Kathy Bagley: presented the members with copies of the Great Meadows Conservation Trust newsletter, copies of Planning for Agriculture, a guide by American Farmland Trust and the CT Conference of Municipalities, copies of the Conservation Commission summary of farmland ranking.

Update by Donna Hemmann: not present, but submitted there was nothing to report, as stated by Kathy Bagley.

Old Business: Community Farms Preservation Program – as fellow members reviewed the summary, Doran explained the methodology used to develop the summary of farmland ranking, the variables employed, and the points in the scoring system. Discussion followed about the four farms reviewed in the upland, three parcels in the Agricultural Zone along Elm Street and one farm on Broad Street, noting that a total of eight properties were reviewed. Members also discussed funding mechanisms and possible next steps. It was agreed the Commission would continue to review the summary and discuss future strategies.

New Business: none presented or discussed.

Comments from the Public: none, as no members of the public were present.

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 8:15 in a motion by Herold, seconded by Moyer. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Doran